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Delay Asked In Gervais Hearing

A federal court has been asked to block a hearing scheduled Monday to consider whether Pershing Gervais acted voluntarily when he helped federal agents collect evidence in an illegal pinball gambling case.

Gervais was the government informer who provided details which led to the indictment of Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison and nine others in connection with the alleged kickback scheme.

Garrison was charged specifically with obstructing justice, the others with bribery.

Attorney Louis C. LaCour filed the delay motion Friday on behalf of his client, Robert E. Nims, one of the pinball operators named in the indictment along with Garrison.

The motion claims that the hearing would impose an obligation on Nims to initiate a defense, contrary to his constitutional rights.

It also alleges that the hearing requested by the government is an attempt by the government to cover up, diminsh or obscure evidence of its own wrongdoing.

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Gervais aided the government in its pinball case about a year ago, but said last month he was harassed into cooperating with agents.

New Trial Is Ordered For Andrews

The Louisiana Supreme Court has ordered a new trial for attorney Dean A. Andrews Jr., convicted in 1967 on three counts of perjury in the Clay L. Shaw conspiracy trial.

The court Friday reversed the Aug. 13, 1967, judgment of Criminal Dist. Judge Frank J. Shea and sent the case back to him. The action came on a petition filed by Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison and Andrews' attorney.

Andrews last week filed an appeal to the high court challenging the perjury conviction, but his move was made moot by Friday's decision.

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Garrison's petition said the trial judge rushed Andrews to trial, depriving him of effective assistance of counsel. In one instance, the petition said, Shea refused to postpone the trial although Andrews' lawyer withdrew from the case the morning before.

A grand jury indicted Andrews, former assistant Jefferson Parish attorney, on charges of lying about identification of Clay Shaw and for answers to questions about an alleged call from a Clay Bertrand asking Andrews to represent Lee Harvey Oswald in Dallas, Tex.